Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

October 2011

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended October 15, 2011, there were 529,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan during October 2011, a decrease of 1,100 from September 2011 but 6,200 more than the number employed in October 2010.

Agricultural employment was 39,900 persons in October 2011, down 2,200 from the September 2011 level and 4,100 less than the October 2010 agricultural employment level of 44,000. Non-agricultural employment was 489,200 persons in October 2011. This is an increase of 1,100 from the September 2011 non-agriculture employment level of 488,100 and 10,300 more than October 2010.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for October 2011 was 3.7 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the September 2011 rate of 4.0 percent and 1.4 percentage points lower than the October 2010 level of 5.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 2,800 to 549,600 persons in October 2011 from 552,400 persons in September 2011. This is 1,400 less than the October 2010 labour force of 551,000 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.4 percentage points to 68.5 percent in October 2011 from 68.9 percent in September 2011. The October 2010 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.4 percent.

There were 20,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during October 2011. This is a decrease of 1,700 from September 2011 and is 7,700 less than the number unemployed in October 2010.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 528,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in October 2011, up 1,100 from the September 2011 level of 527,800 and is up 6,500 from the October 2010 employment level of 522,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for October 2011 was 4.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the September 2011 rate of 4.6 percent and 1.6 percentage points lower than the October 2010 rate of 5.7 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 47,900 persons in October 2011 to 17,402,300 persons from 17,450,200 persons in September 2011. In October 2010, there were 17,183,500 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points in October 2011 to 6.7 percent from the September 2011 level of 6.6 percent. In October 2010, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.3 percent in October 2011. This is 0.2 percentage points higher than September 2011 but 0.5 percentage points higher than the October 2010 level of 7.8 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,655.4	18,684.4	18,515.2	-29.0	140.2
Employed ('000)	17,402.3	17,450.2	17,183.5	-47.9	218.8
Full-Time ('000)	14,052.8	14,207.8	13,835.2	-155.0	217.6
Part-Time ('000)	3,349.4	3,242.4	3,348.3	107.0	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,253.1	1,234.2	1,331.7	18.9	-78.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.6	7.2	0.1	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.1	7.8	0.2	-0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	66.6	66.7	-0.2	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	549.6	552.4	551.0	-2.8	-1.4
Employed ('000)	529.1	530.2	522.9	-1.1	6.2
Full-Time ('000)	436.7	439.8	432.3	-3.1	4.4
Part-Time ('000)	92.4	90.4	90.5	2.0	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	20.4	22.1	28.1	-1.7	-7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.0	5.1	-0.3	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	4.6	5.7	-0.5	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.9	69.4	-0.4	-0.9
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,229.6	2,234.2	2,155.7	-4.6	73.9
Employed ('000)	2,122.3	2,119.3	2,031.4	3.0	90.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,760.8	1,774.9	1,660.9	-14.1	99.9
Part-Time ('000)	361.5	344.4	370.5	17.1	-9.0
Unemployed ('000)	107.3	114.9	124.3	-7.6	-17.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.1	5.8	-0.3	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	5.4	5.9	-0.3	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	73.8	74.0	72.5	-0.2	1.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	659.3	660.9	657.5	-1.6	1.8
Employed ('000)	628.9	625.8	628.1	3.1	0.8
Full-Time ('000)	497.3	502.7	505.3	-5.4	-8.0
Part-Time ('000)	131.6	123.0	122.8	8.6	8.8
Unemployed ('000)	30.4	35.1	29.4	-4.7	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.3	4.5	-0.7	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.5	5.0	-0.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	69.1	69.6	-0.2	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	549.6	552.4	551.0	-2.8	-1.4
Male	296.5	299.2	295.9	-2.7	0.6
Female	253.1	253.2	255.1	-0.1	-2.0
15-24 Years of Age	89.5	89.3	89.2	0.2	0.3
25+ Years of age	460.0	463.1	461.8	-3.1	-1.8
EMPLOYED ('000)	529.1	530.2	522.9	-1.1	6.2
Male	287.8	288.3	280.8	-0.5	7.0
Female	241.3	241.9	242.0	-0.6	-0.7
15-24 Years of Age	82.4	80.6	79.4	1.8	3.0
25+ Years of age	446.7	449.6	443.5	-2.9	3.2
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	20.4	22.1	28.1	-1.7	-7.7
Male	8.7	10.9	15.1	-2.2	-6.4
Female	11.7	11.3	13.0	0.4	-1.3
15-24 Years of Age	7.1	8.6	9.8	-1.5	-2.7
25+ Years of age	13.3	13.5	18.4	-0.2	-5.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.7	4.0	5.1	-0.3	-1.4
Male	2.9	3.6	5.1	-0.7	-2.2
Female	4.6	4.5	5.1	0.1	-0.5
15-24 Years of Age	7.9	9.6	11.0	-1.7	-3.1
25+ Years of age	2.9	2.9	4.0	0.0	-1.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.5	68.9	69.4	-0.4	-0.9
Male	74.5	75.3	75.2	-0.8	-0.7
Female	62.5	62.6	63.6	-0.1	-1.1
15-24 Years of Age	65.6	65.4	64.7	0.2	0.9
25+ Years of age	69.0	69.6	70.4	-0.6	-1.4

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.9	42.1	44.0	-2.2	-4.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.8	25.1	24.3	-0.3	0.5
Utilities	5.1	5.1	5.3	0.0	-0.2
Construction	41.7	41.6	41.0	0.1	0.7
Manufacturing	26.0	25.6	31.9	0.4	-5.9
Trade	85.6	81.1	80.7	4.5	4.9
Transportation and Warehousing	26.0	26.4	25.3	-0.4	0.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.3	31.0	29.2	-0.7	1.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	27.5	26.3	20.3	1.2	7.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.4	11.5	9.7	-0.1	1.7
Educational Services	39.1	38.8	40.8	0.3	-1.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	69.5	68.9	66.7	0.6	2.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.0	18.5	19.6	-0.5	-1.6
Accommodation and Food Services	29.5	30.6	29.5	-1.1	0.0
Other Services	25.8	26.6	26.9	-0.8	-1.1
Public Administration	29.0	30.9	27.6	-1.9	1.4
Total	529.1	530.2	522.9	-1.1	6.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	436.7	439.8	432.3	-3.1	4.4
Part-Time	92.4	90.4	90.5	2.0	1.9
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	430.4	430.2	421.4	0.2	9.0
Public Sector	133.8	134.1	129.5	-0.3	4.3
Private Sector	296.7	296.0	291.9	0.7	4.8
Self-Employed	98.7	100.1	101.5	-1.4	-2.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,402.3	17,450.2	17,183.5	-47.9	218.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	225.6	227.9	223.7	-2.3	1.9
Prince Edward Island	73.3	75.7	71.1	-2.4	2.2
Nova Scotia	452.8	455.3	453.0	-2.5	-0.2
New Brunswick	357.0	358.7	356.7	-1.7	0.3
Quebec	3,973.3	4,008.8	3,964.4	-35.5	8.9
Ontario	6,741.9	6,744.3	6,657.1	-2.4	84.8
Manitoba	628.9	625.8	628.1	3.1	0.8
Saskatchewan	529.1	530.2	522.9	-1.1	6.2
Alberta	2,122.3	2,119.3	2,031.4	3.0	90.9
British Columbia	2,298.1	2,304.2	2,275.1	-6.1	23.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.7	6.6	7.2	0.1	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.7	11.6	11.8	0.1	-0.1
Prince Edward Island	9.4	9.2	10.9	0.2	-1.5
Nova Scotia	7.9	7.8	8.9	0.1	-1.0
New Brunswick	8.1	7.6	8.5	0.5	-0.4
Quebec	7.1	6.4	7.3	0.7	-0.2
Ontario	7.4	7.2	7.6	0.2	-0.2
Manitoba	4.6	5.3	4.5	-0.7	0.1
Saskatchewan	3.7	4.0	5.1	-0.3	-1.4
Alberta	4.8	5.1	5.8	-0.3	-1.0
British Columbia	6.1	6.3	7.1	-0.2	-1.0

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,345.6	17,399.6	17,108.7	-54.0	236.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.3	220.2	222.2	4.1	2.1
Prince Edward Island	72.0	73.3	70.1	-1.3	1.9
Nova Scotia	449.4	453.3	448.7	-3.9	0.7
New Brunswick	352.9	352.9	353.5	0.0	-0.6
Quebec	3,958.9	3,972.2	3,942.3	-13.3	16.6
Ontario	6,718.6	6,757.3	6,618.1	-38.7	100.5
Manitoba	626.3	624.7	626.0	1.6	0.3
Saskatchewan	528.9	527.8	522.4	1.1	6.5
Alberta	2,125.7	2,118.2	2,038.0	7.5	87.7
British Columbia	2,288.9	2,299.7	2,267.5	-10.8	21.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.3	7.1	7.8	0.2	-0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	12.9	13.5	13.1	-0.6	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	11.2	11.4	12.7	-0.2	-1.5
Nova Scotia	8.6	8.4	9.6	0.2	-1.0
New Brunswick	9.4	8.9	9.9	0.5	-0.5
Quebec	7.7	7.3	7.9	0.4	-0.2
Ontario	8.1	7.6	8.5	0.5	-0.4
Manitoba	5.2	5.5	5.0	-0.3	0.2
Saskatchewan	4.1	4.6	5.7	-0.5	-1.6
Alberta	5.1	5.4	5.9	-0.3	-0.8
British Columbia	6.6	6.7	7.3	-0.1	-0.7

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES					
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.2	7.1	7.8	0.1	-0.6
Halifax	5.8	6.6	6.7	-0.8	-0.9
Saint John	6.1	6.3	7.7	-0.2	-1.6
Quebec	4.2	4.3	4.3	-0.1	-0.1
Montreal	8.0	8.1	8.4	-0.1	-0.4
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.2	5.8	7.2	0.4	-1.0
Greater Sudbury	6.1	7.0	9.8	-0.9	-3.7
Toronto	8.5	8.7	9.3	-0.2	-0.8
Winnipeg	6.1	6.6	5.9	-0.5	0.2
Regina	3.9	4.7	5.3	-0.8	-1.4
Saskatoon	5.3	6.1	5.3	-0.8	0.0
Calgary	5.8	6.2	6.8	-0.4	-1.0
Edmonton	5.6	5.7	6.2	-0.1	-0.6
Vancouver	6.8	7.4	7.5	-0.6	-0.7
Victoria	6.1	6.3	5.6	-0.2	0.5
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS					
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	170.8	170.4	165.3	0.4	5.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	49.6	50.2	51.4	-0.6	-1.8
Saskatoon-Biggar	172.8	172.7	173.2	0.1	-0.4
Yorkton-Melville	40.7	40.6	40.6	0.1	0.1
Prince Albert & Northern	95.5	96.7	96.3	-1.2	-0.8

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	October 2011	September 2011	October 2010	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	552.6	556.9	554.6	-4.3	-2.0
Employed ('000)	528.0	529.3	525.1	-1.3	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	24.6	27.6	29.5	-3.0	-4.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.9	5.3	-0.5	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	68.9	69.5	69.9	-0.6	-1.0
Employment Rate (%)	65.8	66.1	66.2	-0.3	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	505.8	508.7	510.7	-2.9	-4.9
Employed ('000)	487.4	487.5	487.9	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployed ('000)	18.4	21.2	22.7	-2.8	-4.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	4.2	4.5	-0.6	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.6	70.5	-0.5	-1.4
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.7	67.3	-0.1	-0.7
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	46.8	48.2	43.9	-1.4	2.9
Employed ('000)	40.6	41.8	37.2	-1.2	3.4
Unemployed ('000)	6.2	6.4	6.7	-0.2	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.2	13.2	15.3	0.0	-2.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	68.9	64.0	-2.1	2.8
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	59.8	54.2	-1.9	3.7
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	19.0	20.0	17.3	-1.0	1.7
Employed ('000)	15.3	16.1	13.7	-0.8	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	3.7	3.9	3.6	-0.2	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.3	19.4	20.9	-0.1	-1.6
Participation Rate (%)	62.0	65.4	57.4	-3.4	4.6
Employment Rate (%)	50.0	52.8	45.4	-2.8	4.6
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Labour Force ('000)	27.8	28.2	26.2	-0.4	1.6
Employed ('000)	25.3	25.7	23.1	-0.4	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.5	3.1	0.0	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	8.9	11.9	0.2	-2.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	71.6	68.8	-1.1	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	64.1	65.3	60.6	-1.2	3.5

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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